SENATE.....No. 9.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, Jan'y 25th, 1843.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Jackson and others, and sundry other petitions, relating to the rights of rail-road passengers, have considered the same, and report the accompanying bill.

By order of the committee,

GEORGE HOOD, *Chairman.*

4264.55 (16)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT

Relating to the Rights of Rail-road Passengers.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECT. 1. No rail-road corporation shall, by themselves, their directors, or others, make or establish any by-law or regulation, which shall make any distinction, or give a preference in accommodation to any one or more persons over others, on account of descent, sect, or color.

SECT. 2. Any officer or servant of any rail-road corporation, who shall assault any person for the purpose of depriving him or her of any right or privilege, in any car or other rail-road accommodation, on account of descent, sect, or color, or shall aid or abet any other

person in committing such assault, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail, not less than six days, or by fine not less than ten dollars; and shall also be answerable to the person assaulted, to the full amount of his damage in an action of trespass.

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